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SUBJECT: DETA-TAP TALKS END

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1. LOCAL PRESS JULY 20 PRINTED JOINT TAP-DETA COMMUNIQUE, AND ANNOUNCED END OF FIVE DAYS OF TALKS ON JULY 19.

2. COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT DOMINANT THEME OF DISCUSSIONS WAS MUTUAL DETERMINATION TO END DISAGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TWO COMPANIES. TAP, THROUGH EXCHANGE OF PERSONNEL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE, WILL ASSIST DETA IN MAKING OPTIMUM USE OF ITS FLEET. THE COMPANIES ARE TO ESTABLISH A PROOCOL FOR THIS ASSISTANCE.

3. REGARDING RESUMPTION OF TAP FLIGHTS TO MOZAMBIQUE, COMMUNIQUE STATED THAT "POSSIBILITIES OF OPERATIONS IN BEIRA AND MAPUTO WERE CLARIFIED" AND THAT "EFFORT MADE BY DETA SINCE INTERRUPTION OF FLIGHTS

TO MAINTAIN INDIRECT CONNECTIONS HAD BEEN STRENUOUS AND BEYOND ITS CAPACITIES," THEREFORE TAP "WILL ASSUME A SHARE OF THE BURDEN".

CURRENT ROUTE AND APPORTIOMMENT OF PASSENGERS BETWEEN TWO

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COMPANIES ARE TO BE SUBJECTS OF JOINT STUDY. WHEN THIS IS

DONE, FLIGHT SCHEDULES ARE TO BE PUBLISHED. NO DATE FOR RESUMPTION OF FLIGHTS WAS MENTIONED.

4. COMMENT: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF DETA, ANTONIO ORIENTE, BARONE, WAS RELUCTANT TO DISCUSS COMMUNIQUE OR TALKS WITH EMBOFF. HOWEVER BARONE EMPHASIZED THAT AGREEMENT WAS BETWEEN COMPANIES AND NOT BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND TWICE STATED THAT IF FLIGHTS RESUME THEY WOULD BE FOR THE "TIME BEING ONLY". SINCE RESUMPTION OF TAP FLIGHTS TO MOZAMBIQUE MAY REQUIRE POLITICAL DECISION, AS BARONE'S COMMENTS SUGGEST, AND FUTURE APPORTIONMENT OF PASSENGERS BETWEEN TAP AND DETA WILL BE SUBJECT OF STUDY, ACTUAL REINSTITUTION OF TAP FLIGHTS TO MOZAMBIQUE MAY STILL BE SOME WEEKS AWAY.
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